Tourism development in Kerala

841. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether proposals of tourism development in Kerala are pending with Centre for necessary clearance;

(b) if so, the details of the project pending for clearance; and

(c) the reason for the delay in issuing clearance to the project?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of places/spots of tourist interests is primarily undertaken by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations themselves. However, Ministry of Tourism provides Central Financial Assistance on the basis of project proposals prioritized in consultation with the State Governments.

During 2007-08, 12 proposals have been received from the Kerala Government and details of these proposals are given in the Statement (*See* below). Proposals which are complete in all respect as per guidelines are processed on *inter-se* priority basis and funds released subject to availability under the respective head.

During the current financial year, the following proposals have already been sanctioned for Central Financial Assistance to the Government of Kerala:

1. Destination Development of Wayanad for Rs. 201.72 lakhs

2. Development of Kodungallur Heritage Tourism Circuit for Rs. 361.75 lakhs

3. Development of Pathiramanal Bio Park for Rs. 499.61 lakhs.

Statement

List of proposals received from Kerala Government during 2007-08

1. Development of Kalamandalam as a tourist destination
2. Development of Kasaragod and Bekal
3. Development of Kozikode as a destination—Sarovaram Wetland Nature Park
4. Development of Farm Tourism in the Estates of Plantation Corp. of Kerala Ltd.
5. Onam and Nishagandha Festivals
6. Pooram Festival
7. Destination Development of Elephant Park at Punnathoor (Additional work)
8. Development of Mangalam Dam as a Tourist Destination
9. Development of Kottakkunnu in Malappuram as a Tourist Destination
10. Development of Wayanad in Kerala
11. Development of Kodungallur Heritage Circuit, Kerala
12. Development of Pathiramanal Bio Park, Kerala

Tourist circuits in Uttarakhand

†842. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for sanctioning some new tourist circuits in Uttarakhand during the years 2007-08 and 2008-09;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the State Government has asked for Central assistance for development of some more new tourist circuits; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under the schemes for Product/ Infrastructure Development of Destinations/Circuits and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.

The following project proposals have been received and sanctioned for the State of Uttarakhand in the year 2007-08:

(Rs. in Lakh)

Sl.No.	Name of the Project	Amount Sanctioned
1.	Integrated Development of Pilgrim Circuit at Reetha Sahib and Nanak Matta	466.59
2.	Development of Dhanolti-Chamba-Narendra Nagar Tourist Circuit in Uttarakhand	554.93
3.	Development of Munsiyari as a Tourist Destination	452.52
4.	Development of Corbett National Park as a Tourist Circuit	602.00
	TOTAL:	2076.04

Allocation of funds for tourism

†843. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the fund allocated to the States for the development of tourism during the current Five Year Plan, as on date;

(b) the details of the work done by the States during the said period;

(c) the details of the schemes formulated by Government for this purpose; and

(d) to what extent these schemes have been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (d) Ministry of Tourism does not allocate funds State-wise. However, the Ministry of Tourism extends Central Financial Assistance to all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for development and promotion of tourism under the following Schemes:

1. Product/Infrastructure Development for Destinations and Circuits including Rural Tourism.
2. Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects.

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